MUNI MEMO TO YOU

A LOOK AT THE MUNI'S "NERVE CENTER"

"Car 13 calling Central Control." "Go ahead, Car 13."

Calls initiated in this manner are apt to describe street cave-ins, fires, auto accidents, general traffic tie-ups or anything of a disturbing nature which might cause delay in the Muni's services to its public. In as many seconds as it takes to read the foregoing, you can hear and witness such action taking place as these and over 300 other messages are received daily in Central Control—the "nerve center" of the Muni Railway.

This operation is not unlike that of an airport traffic control tower although the men in Central Control do not see those in vehicles with which they have audio contact.

Under the supervision of Chief Inspector Tom Curran, 6 individuals man the

CENTRAL CONTROL'S ASSIGNMENT: KEEP THE MUNI ROLLING!

controls of this hub of activity throughout a 20-hour shift covering the hours of 6:00 a.m. until 2:00 a.m. every day.

Their "tools" are housed in an office of the Railway's headquarters at Presidio & Geary. Their implements consist of microphones, two-way radios, transmitters, telephones, city maps, time tables and electronic devices which record the activity of trolley coaches and streetcars at many strategic check points. Many interruptions of services can be detected at a glance. A monitor of the Police traffic radio calls is also maintained.

Knowledge is the skill of these men. They visualize in an instant the locations of 13 Inspectors and Superintendents touring in radio patrol cars in assigned areas throughout the City. Seventeen other Field Inspectors are stationed at fixed locations on weekdays. Contact is available almost immediately when trouble erupts.

Another 23 mobile units such as claims cars, wreckers, line trucks and transportation officials' cars are also radio-equipped to maintain broadcast touch with Central Control.

Inspectors are also charged with the duty of supervising the operations of schedules of Muni vehicles. When large gatherings occur at Candlestick Park, the Cow Palace or Kezar Stadium, they help supervise the extra service required. This group also issues approximately 300 citations a month to those who illegally park their vehicles in bus zones and interfere with the operation of coaches.

Add all of these together and you have spelled out the reasons why—when trouble or an accident occurs—Central Control will have the situation completely in hand as soon as is humanly possible in an endeavor to resume normal Muni operation as promptly as it can be accomplished.

Thousands gathered along Geary Street to get a first-hand view of what came to be known as "the Iron Monsters." This was December 28, 1912 and the occasion was the official beginning of the S. F. Municipal Railway. They served their purpose well but eventually the voters committed them to "Streetcar Heaven." They were replaced with today's modern cars.

HOW TO GET THERE BY MUNI

Whether you are a San Francisco resident or just visiting you will find a lot of use for the helpful new Muni Route Map and points of interest guide. Every operating line of buses, streetcars and cable cars is outlined in detail. It is designed to help you discover "how to get there by Muni." Write the San Francisco Municipal Railway, 949 Presidio Avenue, San Francisco 15, or call Fillmore 6-5656 for your free copy.

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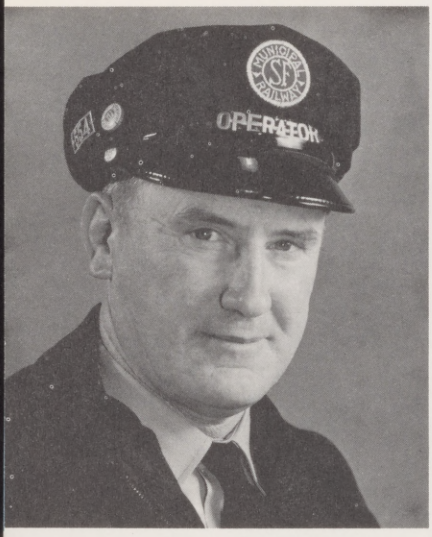
A SPECIAL WAY WITH THEIR PUBLIC

No less than 108 of his regular passengers on the No. 66-Quintara line signed a single petition which, among many other commendations received, helped motivate the judges to endorse the nomination of Edward John Long as the 127th "Muni Man of the Month." James C. Albee, operator on both the No. 41-Union and No. 47-Potrero lines was the previous winner. Albee enjoys his runs which take him through some of the most colorful parts of the City. His passengers are particularly appreciative of the fact that he calls out transfer points and places of interest. The two men have a combined total of 43 years with the Muni Railway and both have been runners-up for this honor. During these years both have been frequent recipients of National Safety Council Safe Driver Awards.



Meet Muni Men LONG and ALBEE — your safety is their concern.

If you have a nomination for "Muni Man of the Month" please send it to the address below. The monthly award winner receives $50 donated by Fielder-Sorensen & Davis, our transit advertising firm.

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